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SUBJ: TENG TAKES PEACEFUL CONSTRUCTION LINE IN PARIS

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1. CHINESE FIRST VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING IN THE MAY 12
OPENING REMARKS OF HIS PARIS VISIT HAS DEPICTED CHINA AS
EMBARKED ON A LONG PERIOD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND, IN
SYMPATHY WITH EUROPEAN DESIRES FOR PEACE, WANTING "A
RELATIVELY FAVOURABLE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT SO THAT WE
CAN CARRY ON OUR CONSTRUCTION". THIS IS A STRIKING DEPARTURE,
AS WE READ IT, FROM THE LONG-STANDRAD CHINESE PUBLIC LINE,
REITERATED THE SAME DAY IN THE JOINT PRC-JAPANESE SOCIALIST
JOINT STATEMENT SIGNED IN PEKING, THAT THE INTERNATIONAL
SITUATION IS MARKED BY "INCREASING TURBULENCE AND UNREST" , AND
THAT THIS IS A DEVELOPMENT "FAVORABLE TO THE PEOPLE".

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2. WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS OF TENG CALLING ATTENTION IN PRIVATE TO CHINA'S DESIRE FOR PEACE AND STABILITY AS IMPLIED IN THE COUNTRY'S NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DRIVE LAUNCHED AT THE CONGRESS IN JANUARY, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE OR ANY OTHER CHINESE LEADER HAS PUBLICLY ARTICULATED THIS CORRESPONDING CHINESE WORLD OUTLOOK. WE ARE INCLINED TO TAKE TENG'S REMARKS AS REINFORCING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE CHINESE ARE RETHINKING THEIR FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS IN TERMS OF IMPACT ON THIS DOMESTIC ECONOMIC CONSTRUCTION GOAL (REFTEL). OBVIOUSLY TENG CONSIDERS THE FRENCH A SPECIAL AUDIENCE, NOT TO BE TALKED DOWN TO , AND HE ALSO TEMPERED HIS REMARKS ON THE INCREASING FACTORS FOR WAR, OMITTING THE HARANGUE CHINESE USUALLY GIVE EUROPEANS ON THIS SUBJECT. IT WILL BE INTERESTING AS THE VISIT PROGRESSES AND INFORMATION EMERGES TO SEE HOW TENG DEVELOPS OR MODIFIES THIS PEACEFUL CONSTRUCTION LINE.
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